

# PLAN TO SHARE SPACE DATA HIT BY SEN. SMITH

## Calls CIA Catch-All to Cover Campaign Vows

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Washington, April 1—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith [R., Me.] launched an attack today on the administration of President Kennedy.

She first criticized the administration's proposal to share space knowledge of the United States with Russia by asserting that America has more to lose than gain in such an exchange.

She also charged that the central intelligence agency "is becoming a catch-all to cover up the 1960 campaign statements of Candidate Kennedy which are coming back to haunt him as President."

### Raps Work of CIA

"I do not have a very high regard for the past work of the CIA," the senator said, "especially after the Cuban fiasco and the U-2 disaster. But apparently it is now being used as a dumping ground for the 1960 campaign statements of Candidate Kennedy. I believe it has to have a more useful purpose than that."

Mrs. Smith, a member of the Senate space committee and armed services committee, made her charges in response to questions of Sen. Keating [R., N. Y.] on local television program.

During the campaign, President Kennedy and other Democrats said that the administration under President Eisenhower had allowed Russia to take a lead in the space race. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and other administration officials have since admitted the "gap" did exist.

Sen. Stuart Symington [D., Mo.] last week estimated the

on intelligence reports of the CIA, which have now been revised.

### Skeptical of Move

Sen. Smith said: "I'm very skeptical about putting the hot potato of the missile myth on the doorstep of the CIA."

She also said she is cynical when it comes to trusting Russian officials in agreements. Asked by Keating if there was a likelihood of working out a reasonable agreement with Russia on the Kennedy proposal

to share space data, Mrs. Smith replied:

"From past experience I would think that there is very much hope that we can. It's like the long talks that have been going on on disarmament. I don't see how we can have too great hope of an accord being reached. Of course, I'm cynical, because of history, whether Russia would honor and abide by such an accord."

Sen. Smith said the United States has "decided superiority

over Russia on really important space development. Russia has the edge over us on thrust power but when it comes to finer scientific space developments and information, we have great superiority over Russia. Perhaps one of our greatest areas of superiority is in the development of miniaturization. I think we could learn something from Russia but there is a question as to just how far we can trust her and what we get in return."